

# SPECIAL DOG DERBY SUPPLEMENT

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### SIERRA-NEVADA DOG DERBY TRUCKEE, CALIFORNIA FEBRUARY 10, 11 & 12, 1950

#### Official Program

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

1:30 P.M., RIVER STREET, TRUCKEE

Challenge Race — World's Champion Targhee Race Hounds  
vs. Quarter Horse

Children's Dog Sled Races — Open to anyone under 16 years of  
age. Contestants please bring own sled. Dogs will be furn-  
ished by Dog Derby. Children may also bring own dogs, any  
type or breed. Prizes will be awarded.

One Malamute pup given away.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

1:00 P.M., DOG DERBY ARENA, TRUCKEE

Ski-joring

Snowshoe (web) Races — Open to anyone. Please bring your  
own webs. Contestants may be young or old, married or  
single, "flat land foreigners" or "ridge runner", male or  
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Demonstration of Mechanized Snow Equipment

Presentation of Queen Contestants

WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP DOG SLED RACES

11 Miles — Track in view at all times

All Northern Breed Dogs

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

9:00 PM - 2:00 AM, VETERANS' MEMORIAL HALL

20-30 Club "Snow Ball" Dance

5 Piece Orchestra

Presentation of Queen Contestants

CORONATION OF QUEEN

1 Purebred Samoyede Pup given away

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

1:30 P.M.

CROSS COUNTRY DOG SLED RACE

Truckee to head of Donner Lake and return  
along U.S. Highway 40



#### DOGS MUSH THRU CAPITOL TO INVITE GOVERNOR

Two teams of sled dogs last  
Friday mushed through the State  
Capitol building at Sacramento  
to invite Governor Earl Warren  
to attend the Sierra Nevada Dog  
Derby at Truckee and Donner Lake.

Bob and Lloyd Van Sickle of  
Truckee, both winners of national  
championship dog races, drove  
the teams through the west por-  
tico of the Capitol. Both drivers  
are to participate in the sled  
races on February 10, 11 and 12.

Governor Warren accepted the  
tickets to the races from Shari  
Reynolds, Truckee Outing Club  
candidate for queen of the Dog  
Derby, and wished the teams good  
luck.

The teams calling on the gov-  
ernor were Alaskan Huskies and  
Samoyedes. The Samoyedes, led  
by a dog named Rex and valued  
at \$10,000, were raised by Mrs.  
A. E. Mason of Sacramento.

Others making the trip to call  
on the governor from Truckee  
were Lee Nisbet, Tom LaRocca  
and B. W. (Sarge) Reynolds.

—GEE! HAW!—

#### KIDS' RACES TRADITION OF LOCAL DERBIES

On Friday, February 10, at 1:30  
on River Street, the Kids' Dog  
Derby event will be run. This  
race is open to anyone under the  
age of 16 who brings their own  
sled. In fact, they may also bring  
their own dogs if they wish or  
may use dogs furnished by the  
Dog Derby Committee.

The kids' event was a tradition  
of Dog Derbies of yore, with  
winners of a generation ago now  
being well known in this area.  
Orlan Sanders, now a Sparks  
and Tahoe Vista business man,  
was the winner of the short dash  
in the 1929 Derby while Earl  
Edmunds, now a Veterans' Admin-  
istration official in Reno and an  
AAF pilot during World War II,  
won the half-mile sprint.

—GEE! HAW!—

#### TRUCKEE TO TAHOE ONCE DOG RACE COURSE

The old Sierra Dog Derby series  
of 1929, 1930 and 1931 were run,  
not on an oval track as the  
Derbies of 1949 and 1950, but on  
a course along the Truckee River  
from Truckee's main street to  
the Tahoe Tavern at Lake Tahoe.  
Incidentally, the 1929 races were  
held on the same dates as the  
1950 Derby—February 10, 11 and  
12.

—GEE! HAW!—

#### RACE HOUNDS TO MEET QUARTER HORSE

Lloyd Van Sickle and his team  
of targee speed hounds have been  
challenged to a race by Kenneth  
Torri of Sierra Valley who will  
ride a quarter horse.

The race will be part of the  
Dog Derby program Friday.

Torri, an officer of the Sierra  
Valley Roping Club, is well known  
as a competent rodeo performer  
and promises an interesting race.

—GEE! HAW!—

#### ORIGIN OF SAMOYEDE

The Samoyede dog takes his  
name from a Mongolian race,  
numbering about 20,000, which  
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Siberia and subsists mainly by  
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Eskimo dogs have been known  
to withstand temperatures as low  
as 70 degrees below zero, reports  
the Gaines Dog Research Center  
of New York City.

#### FIVE LOVLIES VIE FOR QUEEN HONORS

Five lovely young ladies are  
vying for votes to become Queen  
of the 1950 Sierra Nevada Dog  
Derby and to receive various  
awards, including skiing apparel  
and a week as the guest of Don-  
ner Summit Lodge.

#### Home Town Candidate

Shari Reynolds, Truckee high  
school student, has been selected  
as the Truckee Outing Club can-  
didate for the honor. She is one  
of four daughters of Sarge and  
Rosita Reynolds of Truckee and,  
being handy, has taken an active  
part in promotion of the Dog  
Derby.

#### From the Summit

The active and progressive  
Community Club of Donner Sum-  
mit has thrown its support to  
pretty eight-year-old Nancy Wil-  
liamson, daughter of Mr. and  
Mrs. Max Williamson of Big Bend  
where her father is district ranger  
for the U.S. Forest Service.

#### From County Seat

A Nevada City High School  
Senior, Miss Betty Malcom, is  
carrying the colors of the county  
seat city in the contest. She is  
sponsored by and has the enthusi-  
astic backing of the Nevada City  
Lodge of Elks.

#### Reno Aspirant

A late starter but rapidly com-  
ing up in the race is Karen Reed  
of Reno. She is the candidate of  
Harry Short's Villa Sierra, where  
she is a popular vocalist with the  
band.

#### Backed by SP Club

The Southern Pacific Club of  
San Francisco is sponsoring Miss  
Twila Wood, an employee of the  
Southern Pacific in that city. She  
will have the wholehearted sup-  
port of all SP Club members.

The SP Club will take up 14  
cars of the 18-car all Pullman  
train that the Southern Pacific is  
running into Truckee for the Dog  
Derby weekend.

#### Pre-Derby Reception

All the candidates were guests  
of honor at a big pre-Derby re-  
ception last Thursday night at  
Donner Lake Lodge.

At least twice during the Dog  
Derby, they will be presented to  
the public. The name of the queen  
selected and her coronation will  
highlight the Truckee 20-30 Club  
dance in the Veterans Memorial  
Hall on Saturday night.

—GEE! HAW!—

#### WOMEN MUSHERS RAN IN EARLY DERBIES

You think handling a team of  
sled dogs and a sled in competi-  
tion is a job for a real he-man?

Well, could be, but old timers  
around Truckee will remember  
that at least two women made  
fair showing for themselves in  
the hey-days of the old Sierra  
Dog Derby back in 1929, 1930  
and 1931.

As a matter of fact, Thula  
Geelan of Ashton, Idaho was a  
musher in all three and won the  
last of the annual series of 64-  
mile two-day races. In fact, in  
all three Derbies Mrs. Geelan was  
one of only two mushers to enter  
all three of the grueling contests.  
The other was Roy Stover of  
McCall, Idaho, who won the 1930  
races. Each Derby had from eight  
to 11 entries.

The other lady musher, Lydia  
"Whistlin' Lyd" Hutchinson of  
Ashton, was entered in the 1929  
Derby, bringing with her a record  
of racing in the American Dog  
Derby at Ashton. She finished  
10th in a field of 11 and did not  
return to the 1930 or 1931 races,  
confining her efforts to the Idaho  
events.

—GEE! HAW!—

#### THE HUSKY

The Husky is so named from  
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#### WAR DOGS



The U.S. Department of De-  
fense lists 33 breeds of dogs as  
suitable for military service, the  
Gaines Dog Research Center of  
New York City reveals. These in-  
clude all breeds of northern sled  
dogs.

#### Welcome to Truckee

The Truckee Chamber of Commerce, sponsor of the 1950 Sierra  
Nevada Dog Derby, welcomes you and hopes you will enjoy your  
stay in our community and the surrounding mountain playground.

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hunter lakes, streams and forests unsurpassed in their abundance  
of fish and game. Our forests and hills offer the naturalist days on  
end of enjoyment and study.

Truckee is the financial, commercial and transportation center  
of the greatest year-around recreational area in the west—embracing  
the Lake Tahoe and Donner areas as well as the district immediately  
around the town.

In closing, we wish to thank the committee which worked so  
hard to make the 1950 Sierra Nevada Dog Derby a success, the  
individual sponsors of the Derby who gave so unstintingly financial  
aid and valuable time, to the queen candidates and their sponsors  
and all others who gave 100 per cent support and cooperation to the  
project.

EARL K. STICE, PRESIDENT  
TRUCKEE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

#### Queen Candidate

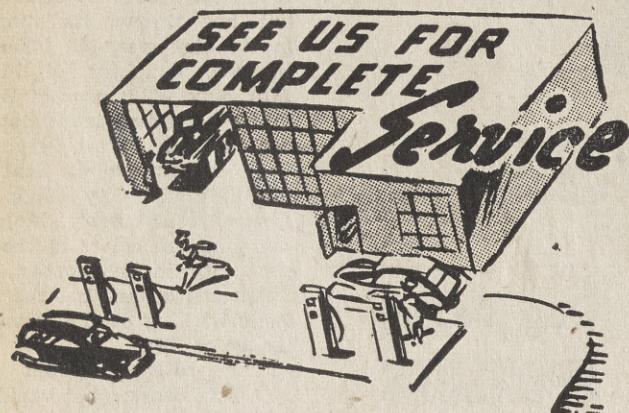


Shari Reynolds, Truckee high school girl, who is being sponsored  
by the Truckee Outing Club as a candidate for Queen of the  
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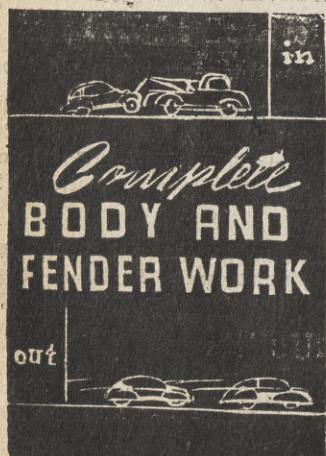
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Ray Crandall, Truckee high school student, will be one of the contestants in the Sierra Nevada Dog Derby championship races February 11, representing the Truckee Chamber of Commerce, sponsor of the derby.

Ray is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Crandall of Hill Top Lodge and for the past year has been receiving instructions in dog racing and handling from Lloyd Van Sickle, three times world champion. Ray will drive a mixed team of Malamutes and Huskies and is expected to make a good showing against the veteran drivers.

—GEE! HAW!—

EXPLORERS



On his last Antarctic expedition, Admiral Byrd was accompanied by 150 dogs, says the Gaines Dog Research Center of New York.

—GEE! HAW!—

**BAY AREA SHOWINGS  
BOOST RACES**

The two local dog teams driven by Lloyd Van Sickle and his brother, Bob, were featured in a number of outstanding parades in the bay area recently. Parades were arranged in Richmond, Berkeley, San Jose, Palo Alto and at the Hayward grammar and high schools as well as participating in a March of Dimes parade in San Francisco.

On January 28, the teams were exhibited at the Golden Gate Kennel Club show in San Francisco where they were viewed and admired by an estimated crowd of 22,000 persons. They were also featured on radio and television programs, advertising the Sierra Nevada Dog Derby.

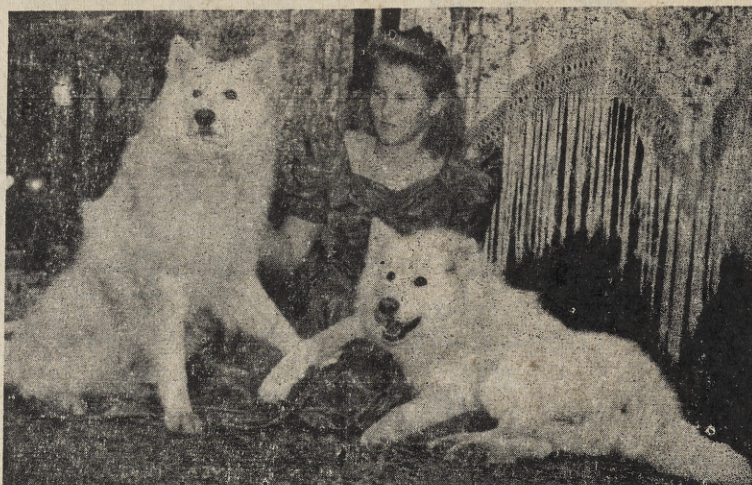
Accompanying the teams on the advertising expedition were the drivers, Lloyd and Bob Van Sickle, Al Haltom, Ed Crandall, Tom LaRocca and Lee Nisbet.

—GEE! HAW!—

**TO DONNER LAKE**

Sunday a race to Donner Lake and return will feature the afternoon's program, the race paralleling Highway 40 both ways.

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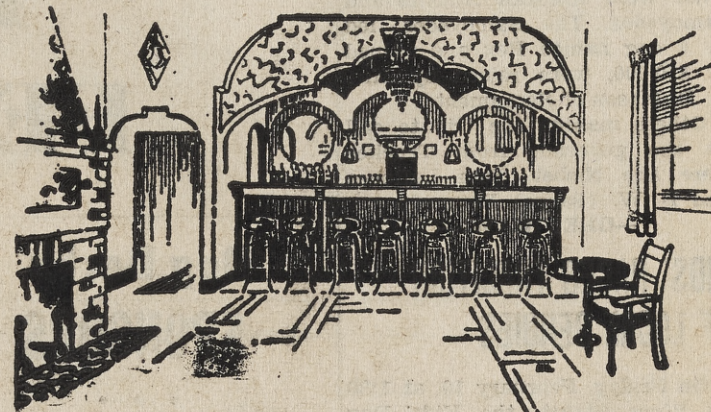


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## MEET THE MUSHERS

### LLOYD VAN SICKLE HAS WINNING WAYS

Lloyd Van Sickle started his racing career at the age of eight when he won his first "kid race" in Ashton, Idaho.

His next major victory was winning the famous American Dog Derby in 1936 at the age of 16. He was the youngest driver ever to win the Derby. His younger brother, Bob, placed fourth the same year.

But the history goes back even further and the records show Lloyd's uncles, Tim and Ned Van Sickle, placing in the money as far back as 1918-19, and the family album has a picture of Lloyd's father, Bill Van Sickle, with his pet black bear hooked up with his dog team. Bill still relates how the bear would encourage dallying team mates with a sweep of his forepaw.

You might say that Lloyd was born a "dog musher" and that the tendency is inherited, since his four-year-old daughter, Sandra, won the girls' dog race in Ashton in 1948 and the kids' race at the Sierra Nevada Dog Derby in Truckee in March, 1949.

Again in 1937 Lloyd won the American Dog Derby and made a record for the 16-mile course that has never been equalled.

For ten years, from 1937 to 1947, Lloyd ran in the American Dog Derby, always placing in the money. In 1948 he made a sensational comeback to again win first place with his team of targhee hounds. His famous lead dog, "Old Red", was given the award for being the best lead dog to ever run on the Ashton track and he passed on to dog Valhalla in 1946.

Besides his racing career, Lloyd is well known for carrying the U.S. Mail by dog team in snow bound areas of Idaho and Montana and for his rescue work of a sick woman and her two children from an isolated district in Wyoming.

He became interested in Mrs. A. E. Mason's famous team of Samoyeds ten years ago and has been associated with them since that time. In 1948, drawing the Samoyeds, he captured second place in the Northern Breed Dog Race at Ashton, Idaho, losing by only five seconds to Lowell Fields and his team of Siberian Huskies. He has driven them in parades and on exhibitions in four states and different cities from Sun Valley, Idaho, to Hollywood, California.

This year he will attempt to again win the Sierra Nevada Dog Derby with his Samoyeds. If he wins, he will again capture the world's championship for Northern Breed Dogs. He already holds the world's championship Speed Race. His lead dog will be "Rex", who is now famous for his ability to face blizzards when all other dogs are forced to turn their heads. This ability is due, Lloyd believes, to the peculiar slant of his eyes and his being able to turn his ears

away from the wind. In this Derby, he will run competition to such famous dog mushers as his brother, Bob Van Sickle, Lowell Fields and Lewis Price.

Lloyd Van Sickle and his famous dog teams are available to the public at any time at the Hill Top Ski Lodge at Truckee.

In 1950's Derby, Lloyd has been challenged to a side race against a quarter horse, using his targhee hounds, for a distance of a quarter of a mile by Ken Torri of Sierra Valley.

—GEE! HAW!—

... AND NO FASTER  
"A team is as fast as its slowest dog," according to J. G. Ball, originator of dog team racing in the United States and one-time president of the American Dog Derby Association.

## Dog Derby Publicity Scores in City Press

The Sierra Nevada Dog Derby is gaining much favorable publicity through bay area and valley newspapers.

The Oakland Tribune, for instance, recently carried a five column picture taken at Donner Lake Lodge, showing the lodge's entry in the queen contest, Nancy Williamson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Williamson. In the background was Bob Van Sickle of Idaho, who is training his team for the races. Bob last year ran a close second to his champion brother, Lloyd, and hopes this year to come out in front.

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## Musher of '29 Derby



Many old timers will recall James (Jimmy) Fritz, one of the nine mushers, in the 1929 Dog Derby held in Truckee. Fritz is shown above with his team in a picture taken prior to the

Derby. He made his home at Donner Lake, operating a riding stables there during the summer. He was entered only in the one Derby, leaving here shortly after for Yosemite.

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### MEET THE MUSHERS

#### HALTOM SEES TRUCKEE AS DOG RACING CENTER

Al Haltom, formerly of Anchorage, Alaska, and his mixed team of nine Huskies and Samoyeds will be sponsored in the 1950 Sierra Nevada Dog Derby by Orin Jackson of Truckee Resort.

He had a team of Arctic Huskies at Soda Springs in the winter of 1945-46 which he used to haul passengers and supplies into snowbound areas.

Al returned recently from Lake Placid, New York, where he contacted Jacques Suzanne and Leon Lafave, famed mushers of the New England Sled Dog Club. He invited them to this year's Sierra Nevada Dog Derby but they had prior commitments and will concentrate on entering next year's Derby.

Haltom is the owner of that famous singing and dancing lead dog, "Hedy".

Al plans on making his home in Truckee, as he is confident it will grow into the dog racing center of the United States.

—GEE! HAW!—

Only Animal



The dog is the only animal domesticated by the Eskimos, says the Gaines Dog Research Center of New York City.

—GEE! HAW!—

You are eligible to enter the web snowshoe race on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 11.

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## FIRST DOG RACE HERE WAS HELD IN '15

The beginnings of Truckee's dog derby history was in 1915 and had three entrants. They lined up on Truckee's main street, crossed the line and were off to Donner Lake.

One of the entrants drove 26 Siberian dogs! Long strings were the custom in those days, along with colored vests and walrus mustaches.

The mushers included Harry Barnett, fresh from his winning of the All-Alaska sweepstakes from Nome to Candle, 405 miles; Jack Johnson, another Alaskan derby winner, and Bill Brady.

Records do not reveal the name of the victor but to the best recollection of a long-time Truckee resident, Johnson's team crossed the finish line first.

Timekeeper, judge and promoter of this first derby was the late Bert Cassidy, at that time editor of the Truckee Republican.

No derbies were held then until Barnett was named president of the Sierra Dog Derby Association which outlined events for 1929. Barnett, then living in San Francisco, resigned and Manly S. Harris was named his successor. Dog racing in Truckee then had a three year run through 1929, 1930 and 1931, remaining dormant thereafter until revived in 1949 and is now in its second year of re-birth as the Sierra Nevada Dog Derby.

## —GEE! HAW!— ALASKAN DOG EVENT RUN ON 408 MILE COURSE

Probably the most famous dog race in the world is the All-Alaska Sweepstakes, which was originally run over a 408 mile course from Nome to Candle, Alaska, which began early in the 20th century.

This was a "go as you please" event which means mushers may run their teams or rest them as they see fit. The Nome Kennel Club, originators of the sweepstakes, had in the original rules one that when a dog got sick or died during the race, the musher had to put him in the sled and haul him over the finish line. The purpose of the rule was to prevent drivers from over-taxing their team.

—GEE! HAW!—

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—GEE! HAW!—

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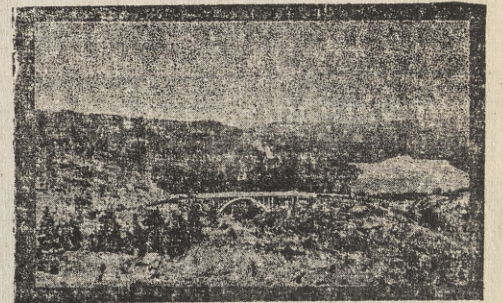
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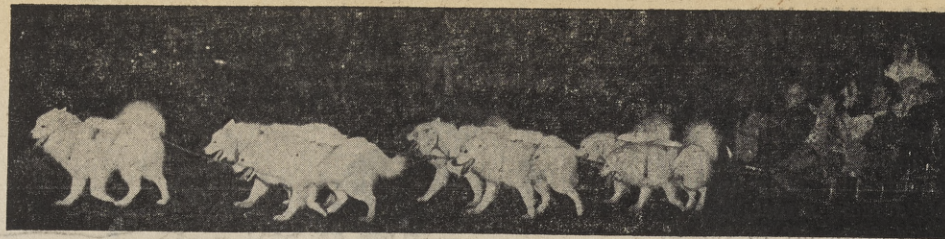


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MEET THE MUSHERS

**FIELDS USES DOGS FOR DELIVERING MAIL**

One of the top contenders for the Sierra Nevada Dog Derby will be Lowell Fields of Gooding, Idaho. He won the American Dog Derby Husky Race at Ashton, Idaho, February 22nd, 1948, with his team of purebred Siberian Huskies and the race at Roberts, Idaho in 1947.

Fields, a truck line owner, raises and races Siberian Huskies. These dogs originated on the coast of Alaska and are steady work dogs for the Eskimos. Leonard Seppala, most famous of all Northern drivers and thrice winner of the All-Alaska Sweepstakes, used the same breed of dog and hung up speed records that are likely to stand all the battering that the present generation of drivers can give them.

Fields, when roads have been snowed under, in and around Gooding and Fairfield, Idaho, has carried mail and food to isolated communities with his Huskies always coming through.

Camas, lead dog of the Fields string, is a smart racer and has demonstrated his ability on several occasions. During a race at St. Anthony, Idaho, another driver was crowding Fields for third spot when Camas looked over his shoulder and saw the other team approaching. When the other team would get near Fields' sled, Camas would settle down and take his teammates on ahead, never allowing the competition to pass. This alertness on the part of the leader is important inasmuch as the other dogs on the team take the spirit and stride from the lead dog.

It will be remembered that Fields placed second behind Van Sickle the first day of last year's Sierra Nevada Dog Derby but moved back to fourth place the second day.

—GEE! HAW!—

On Official Business



Enumerators in the 1950 U. S. Census will drive dog teams to count Eskimos in the Arctic Circle, according to the Gaines Dog Research Center of New York.

MEET THE MUSHERS

**LEW PRICE, TEAMS STAR AS PARACHUTISTS**

A consistent winner in Dog Derbies held in Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and California is Lewis Price, formerly of Felt, Ida., now training and driving dogs for Major John Rodman of West Yellowstone, Montana.

He is most famous for doing parachute jumps with his dog teams, the first time at the American Dog Derby in Ashton, Idaho, when he and a team of Samoyedes owned by Mrs. A. E. Mason of Sacramento, California, jumped and then he hooked them up and went on to take third place in the race. He also jumped at the San Diego Fair this past summer.

The purpose of such demonstrations is to show that driver and dogs could be dropped in isolated areas to save lives — that dogs could then be hooked up and injured or ill passengers could be carried out to medical aid. The U.S. Army has conducted several successful experiments of this type.

Price probably inherited his dog mushing ability from his mother, Mrs. Della Price, who has raced her own dog team. She relies upon her dog team for winter transportation at the present time. Her lead dog "Brownie" is recognized as an expert.

Price has raced Samoyedes owned by Mrs. Mason for the past two years but this year is switching over to Siberian Huskies from the Little Tanana Kennels at West

MEET THE MUSHERS

**TAHOE CONSTABLE, DOGS FEATURED IN MOVIES**

Harry Johanson of nearby Tahoe City became interested in dog team work in this area in 1933-34 when A. A. (Scotty) Allen was at Tahoe Tavern with his dogs. He had a malemute team from 1933-40. Johanson did dog team work with the movies in "White Fang", "Call of the Wild", "The Country Beyond" and others.

He first drove and became interested in dog teams while with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in northern Saskatchewan, Canada.

Johanson, since coming to the Lake Tahoe District to make his home, has been repeatedly re-elected as constable of his township. An expert at first aid, he has used his dog teams to perform mercy errands for injured skiers and others during the winter.

Johanson is a driving his own team of Samoyedes this year, led by Pete. Last year he was in his first time in competition and while he and his dogs did not finish in the money, they made a good account of themselves. At that time five of his team of eight were under 18 months old.

—GEE! HAW!—

Sled dog teams used for delivering mail in Alaska often travel 60 miles in a routine day's work.

Yellowstone.

He placed third in the Sierra Nevada Dog Derby held in 1949.

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### MEET THE MUSHERS

#### BYRD DOG LEADER OF RODMAN TEAM

A distinguished team of tried and true Siberian Huskies from the Little Tanana Kennels of West Yellowstone, Montana, will run in the Sierra Nevada Dog Derby to be held at Truckee on February 10, 11 and 12. Major John W. Rodman, U.S. Army, retired, is owner and driver of the team.

The string of dogs has been working out daily in the rugged West Yellowstone country.

In 1948, Major Rodman, after receiving a distress call from a family isolated in the wilderness outside of West Yellowstone, hooked up a string of 17 dogs and rushed to their aid. He found five of the family down with an undisclosed illness and brought them and their entire household goods out 12 miles into the frontier town, where they received medical attention.

The leader of the team that raced here last year is a lead dog famous among mushers. The name of the dog is Grey Cloud, a Siberian Husky with more than a fair claim to fame. Grey Cloud was one of Admiral Byrd's lead dogs during his trek to the Antarctic in 1939 and has had, like his master, a distinguished career in the army. The leader helped to train rookie dogs for the quarter-master corps and participated in many rescue trips in the northern theater of operations during the last war. He appeared in Madison Square Garden, New York City, in 1946 as an example of a "perfectly trained lead dog."

—GEE! HAW!—

#### DOG TEAMS USED FOR RESCUE OPERATIONS

The dog teams quartered at Truckee Hill Top Lodge have other functions beside participating in an occasional race or dog show.

Twice in January, 1949, they were called to assist in salvaging aircraft stranded at Truckee's snowbound emergency landing field four miles east of here.

On the first occasion, a small private plane made a forced landing and the two occupants came into town, secured the help of the dog teams and righted the craft and moved it out to a point where it could be picked up by more conventional means of service transportation.

Shortly after that, a small chartered plane crash landed at the same spot. Four passengers were slightly injured and Lloyd Van Sickle, Ed Crandall and the dogs went in to haul out the quartet, then returned to pull the plane off the snow bound air strip to the highway.

The local dogs form a vital unit of the volunteer Nevada County Sheriff's Ski Posse, an organization devoted mainly to search and rescue work in this region.

### HEROIC DOGS



The "Balto" statue in Central Park in New York City honors the sled dogs that in 1925 pushed through 600 miles of ice and blizzard to bring needed serum to typhoid-stricken Nome, Alaska, according to the Gaines Dog Research Center, New York City.

—GEE! HAW!—

#### CORONATION HIGHLIGHTS DANCE SATURDAY

An outstanding feature of the three-day program will be a Snow Ball Dance at the Veterans Memorial Building Saturday night under the auspices of the Truckee 20-30 Club. An orchestra has been employed to provide the music and a committee comprised of Kenneth Hedlund, Harvey Hoeker and Heslin Cardinal is making arrangements to entertain a packed hall of dancers. The winner of the queen contest will be announced and crowned at that time.

### MEET THE MUSHERS

#### BOB VAN SICKLE TRAINED DOGS FOR ARMY

Bob Van Sickle of Truckee will be racing a team of mixed Malamutes and Siberian Huskies. His lead dog will be "Cheeta", a white Malamute female.

Bob has a long racing record behind him, being the youngest musher to ever place in the American Dog Derby at Ashton, Idaho. He won fourth place at the age of 14, when his older brother, Lloyd Van Sickle, 16, won the derby. In 1947, Bob won third place in the American Dog Derby driving the team of targhee hounds which had been driven by Lloyd when he won the Speed Classic in 1948.

Bob spent three years training dogs and dog teams in the Army K-9 Corps. He served at Camp Remini, Montana; Fort Robison, Nebraska, and in Newfoundland.

In 1949 at the Sierra Dog Derby in Truckee, Bob lost to his brother, Lloyd, by a matter of minutes and this year will attempt to reverse the situation.

—GEE! HAW!—

#### IN WORLD WAR I

During the first World War, northern breed dogs were used by France for hauling ammunition and supplies to the French Alpine Chasseurs in the Vosges Mountains.



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Dogs can ride on San Francisco trolleys on payment of 10 cents fare, reports the Gaines Dog Research Center of New York City. —GEE! HAW!

### TEAM SPIRIT, ENDURANCE MALAMUTE TRAITS

A. A. (Scotty) Allan, veteran musher and malamute enthusiast, had the following to say about his favorite breed of dog:

"The malamute is of Oriental origin. It is an Eskimo dog. They were in the Arctic long before the white man came. Students guess at their origin. The Eskimo came from the Orient. The malamute therefore may be a cross between the chow and the wolf. They are the only dogs known to have existed in the American Arctic before the white man came. The natives call them Kimogan, which is Eskimo for dog.

"The Eskimo dog is more true dog than any domesticated animal. This is because he lives with his kind. He runs in packs like the wolf.

"You have to see dogs with their own kind if you would learn their true natures. The domesticated dog has had his nature changed and has lost his true dog traits.

"Three malamutes will jump an Arctic hare. One will take off in pursuit and run in a wide circle which will close at a point where he awaits the other two. Turning, he will drop out and rest and another dog will take up the chase and so on until the hare is tired out. The three will then close in and finish the quarry at will. Two domestic dogs would both give chase and both tiring, would lose the game.

"Endurance is bred into them. One malamute is the equal of two or three dogs of some other breeds."

Allan, the entry of Tahoe Tavern, placed second in the 1929 Derby, losing only to Fred Printz in a field of 11. His team of malamutes was the only team composed entirely of purebred northern sled dogs. He was in eight of the 408-mile Alaska Sweepstakes, his first in 1907, taking three first, three seconds and two thirds.

—GEE! HAW!—  
DEMONSTRATION  
A demonstration of various mechanized snow fighting equipment will be a feature of the 1950 Sierra Nevada Dog Derby.

—GEE! HAW!—  
Charlie Johnson held the record for one lap of the Alaska Sweepstakes dog race, 204 miles from candle to Nome in 30 hours in 1914, for over a quarter of a century.



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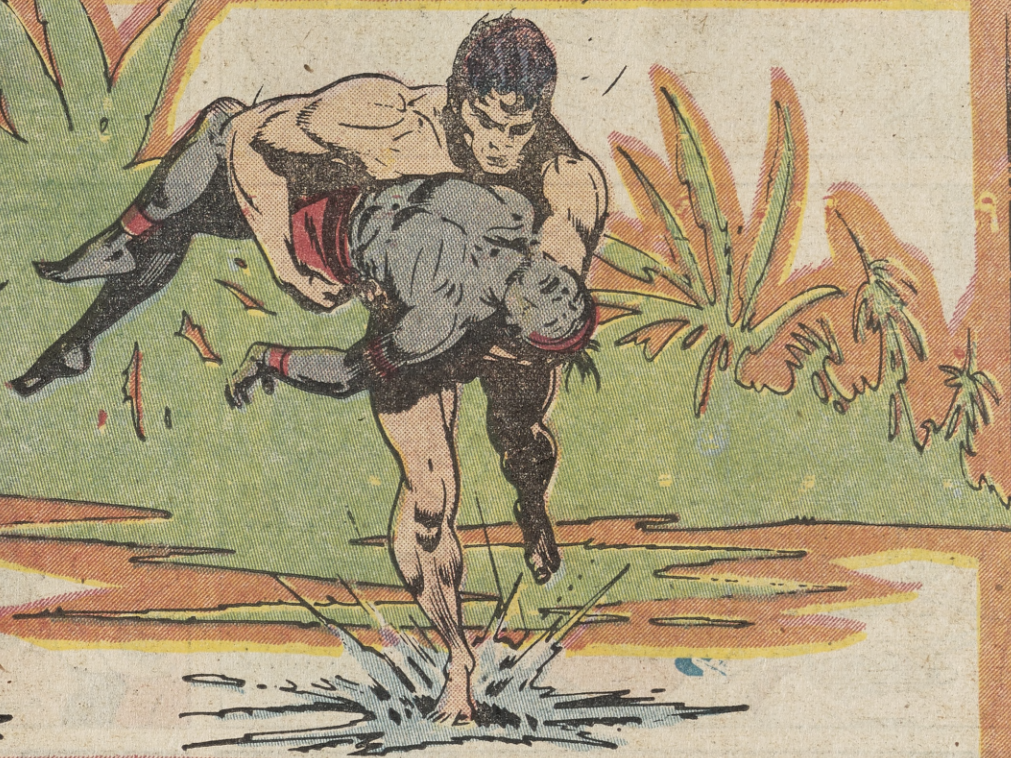
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WITH THE UNCONSCIOUS FORM OF RUNDI, CHIEF MABULI'S SON, TARZAN HURRIED TOWARD THE NATIVE VILLAGE. MEANWHILE, CLEVELAND AND BAKER SOUGHT OUT THEIR CO-CONSPIRATOR CHAKA, THE WITCH DOCTOR.



"IT MEANS DEATH," BAKER SAID, "FOR ANYONE BUT THE CHIEF TO WEAR THE SACRED SERPENT. SUPPOSE IT WERE FOUND ON TARZAN?"

"LEAVE THIS TO ME!" CHAKA SNARLED. "BEFORE SUNSET, TARZAN WILL DIE BY THE VENOM OF THE SACRED SERPENTS."

MEANWHILE, TARZAN AND MABULI WATCHED ANXIOUSLY BESIDE THE BOY. "REST EASY," TARZAN SAID. "RUNDI WILL YET BECOME A GREAT CHIEF."

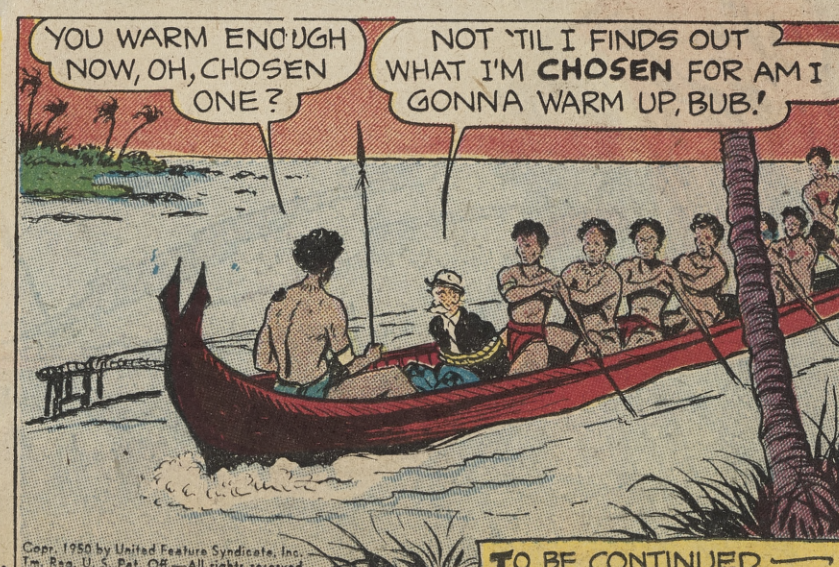
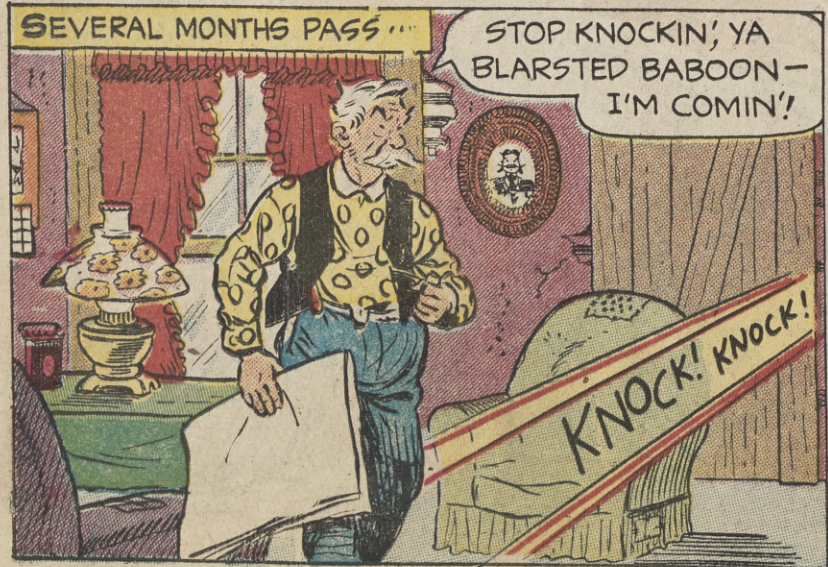
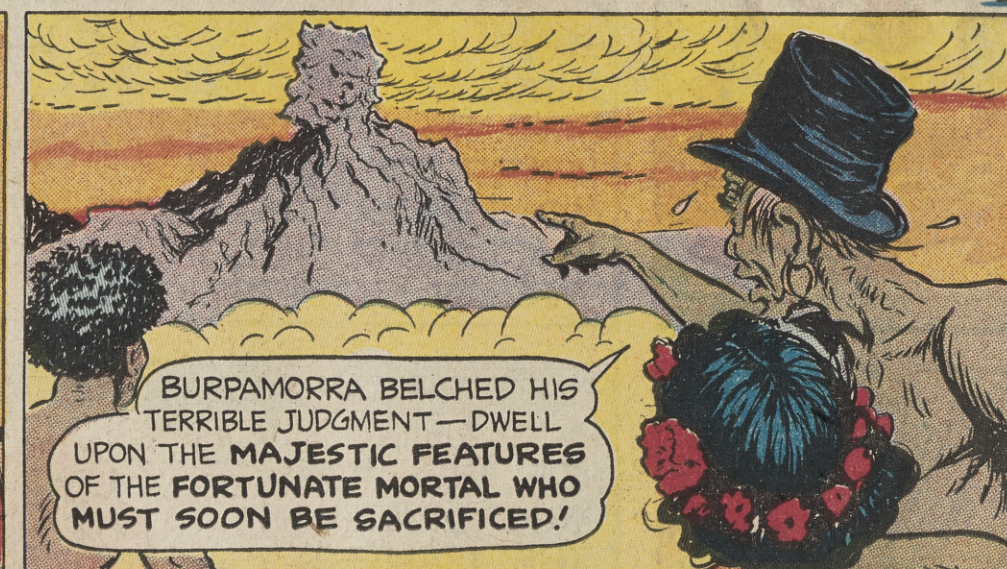
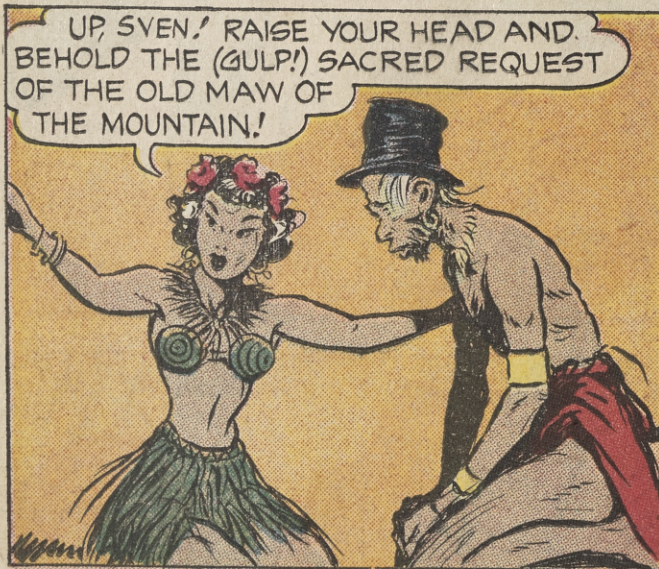
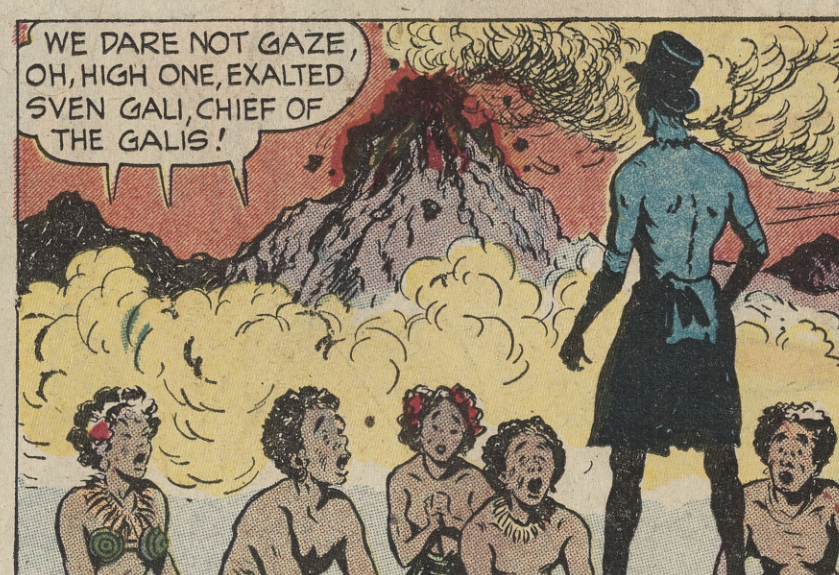
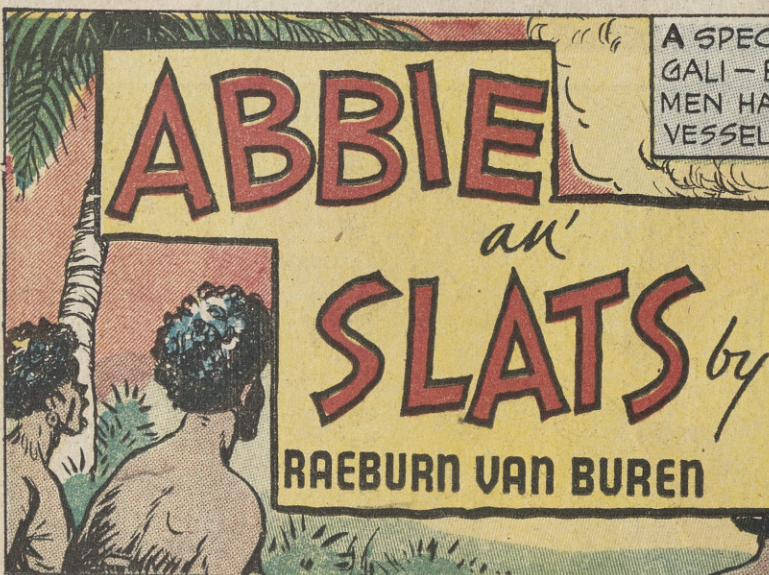
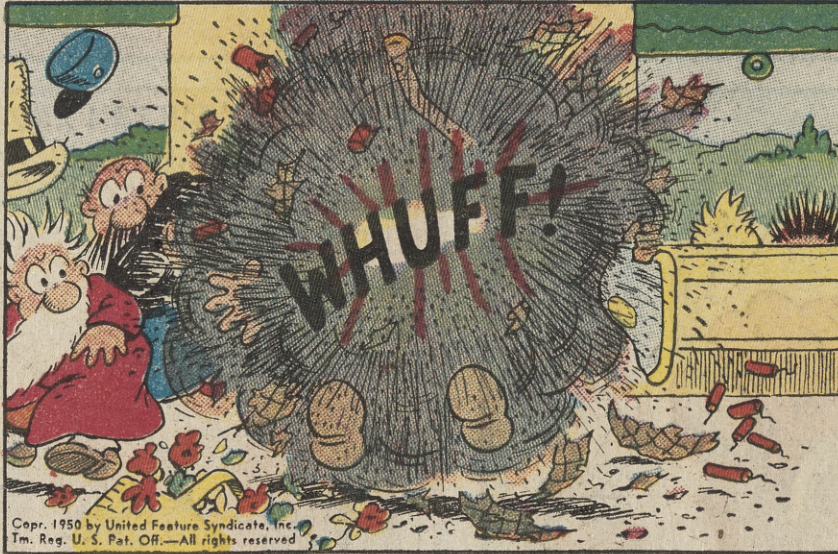
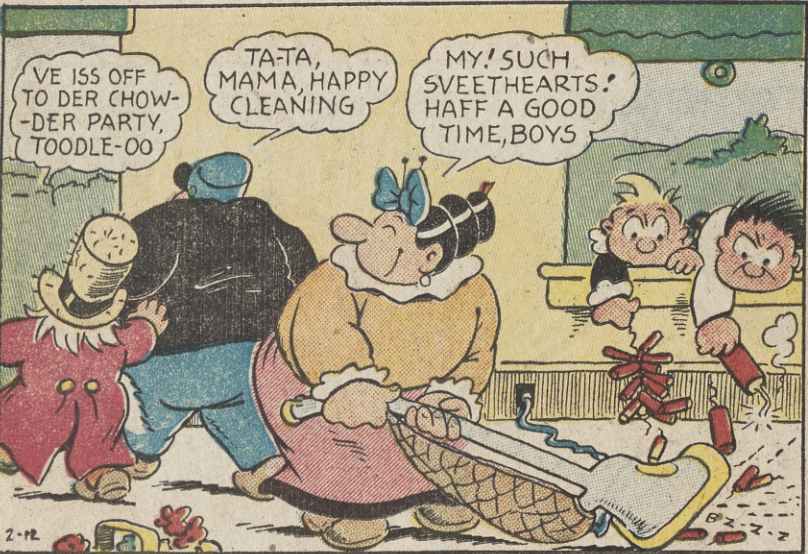
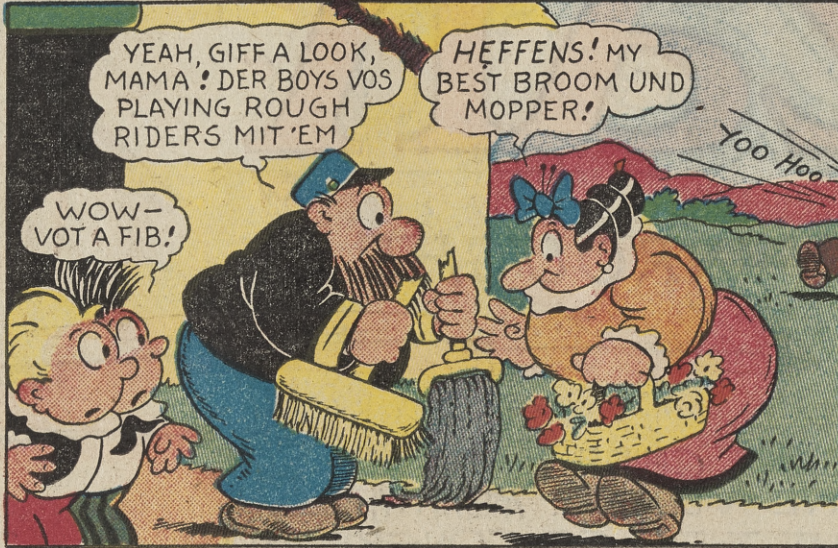
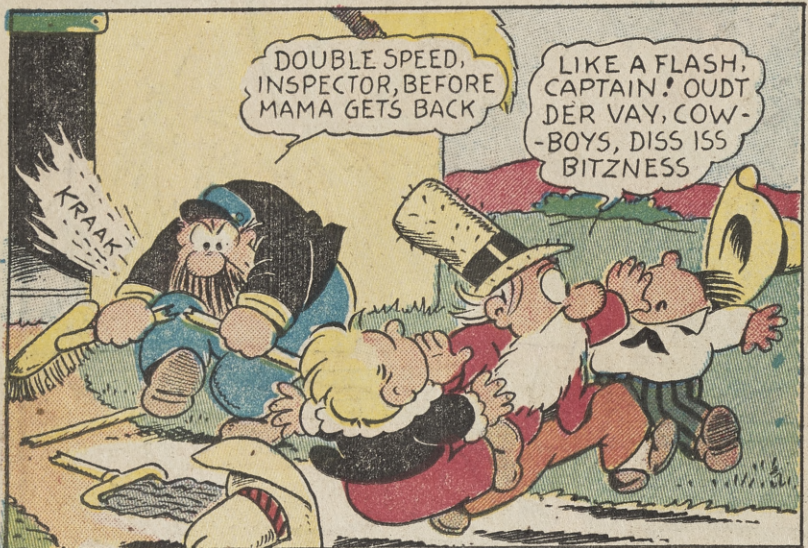
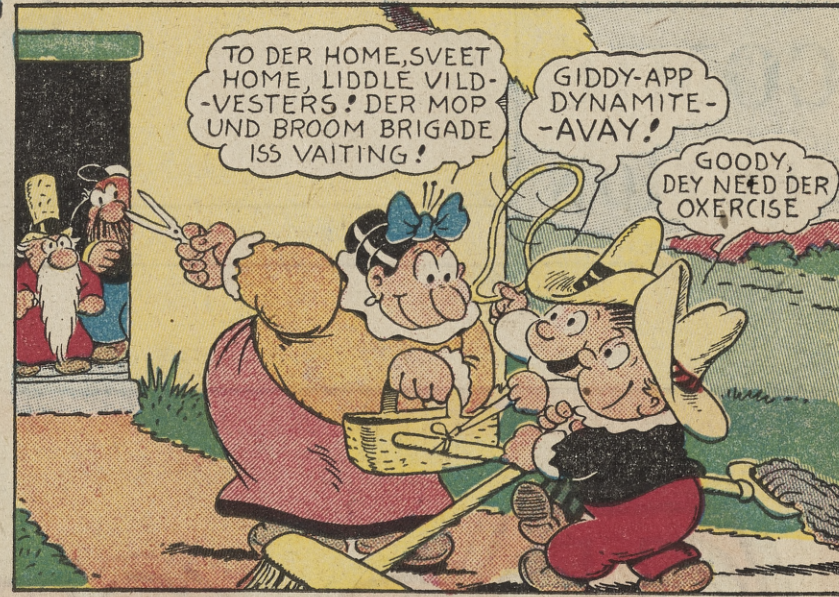
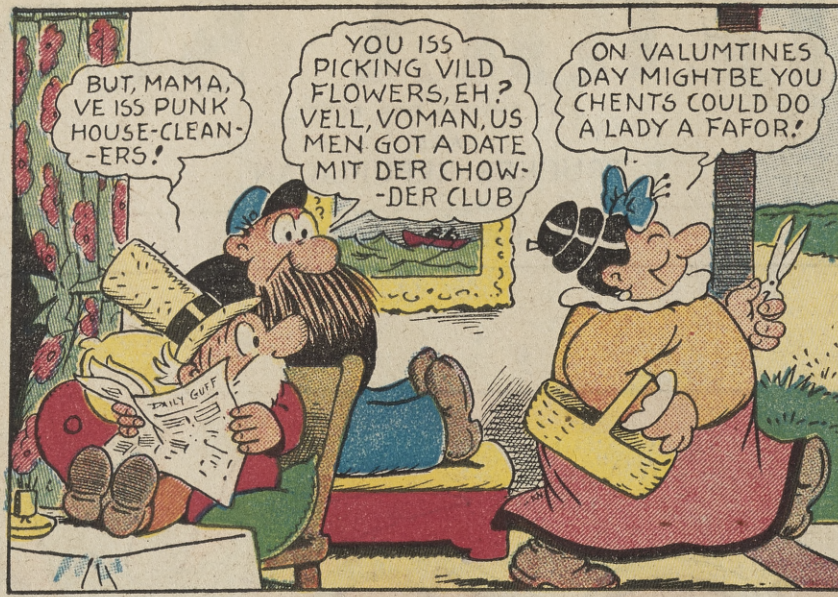
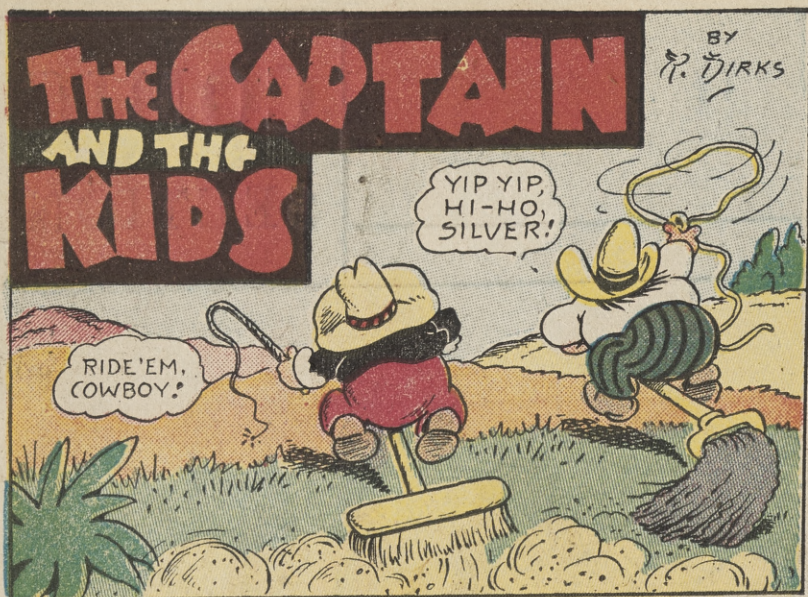
"NEVER HAVE WE HEARD OF LAKE MONSTERS," THE CHIEF DECLARED. "I'LL INVESTIGATE," TARZAN SUGGESTED.

"THE PAGOMBAS WOULD SAVE RUNDI," CHAKA SAID SMOOTHLY. "I HAVE STRONG MEDICINE WHICH WILL REVIVE HIM."

"LET TARZAN REMAIN!" CHAKA SAID, "AND LEARN FROM RUNDI'S LIPS OF THE MONSTER WHO LIVES IN THE LAKE."

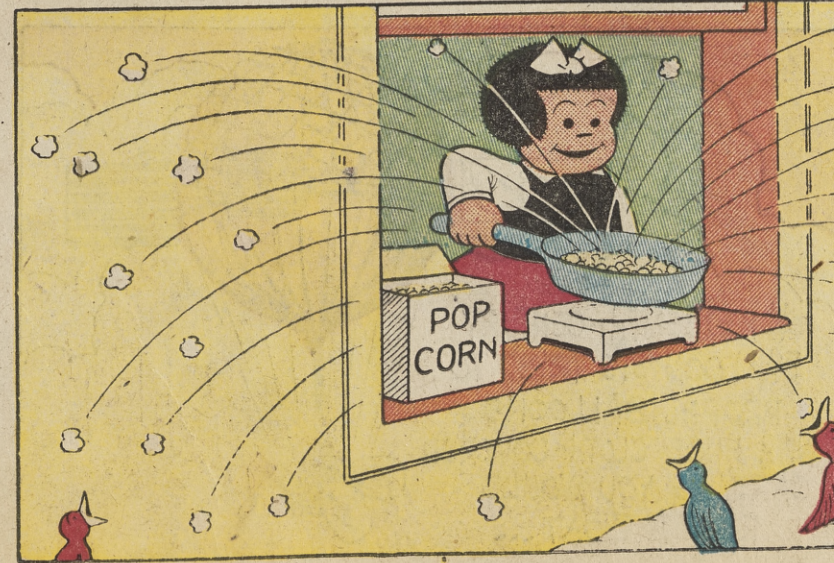
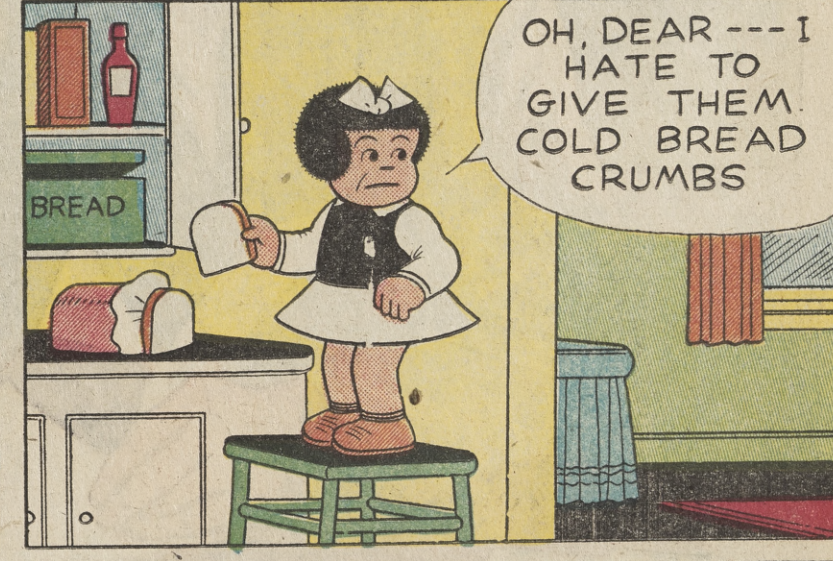
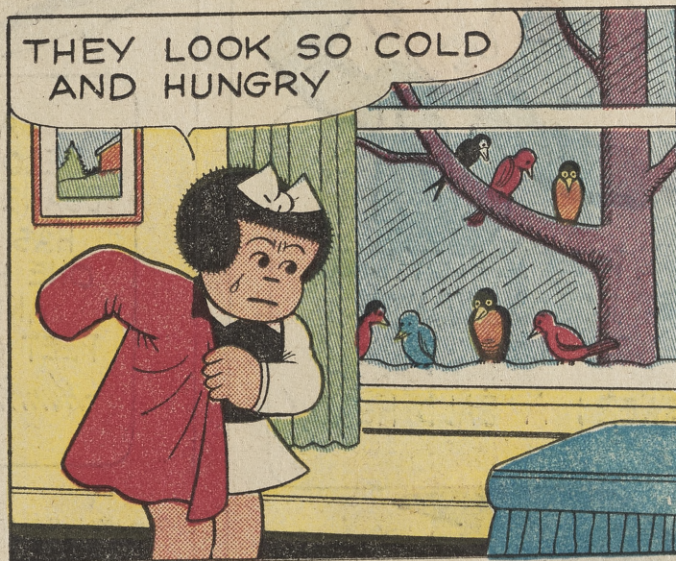
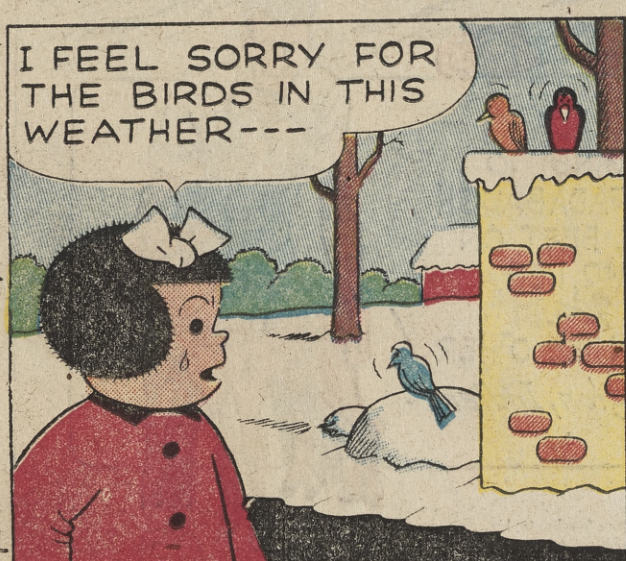
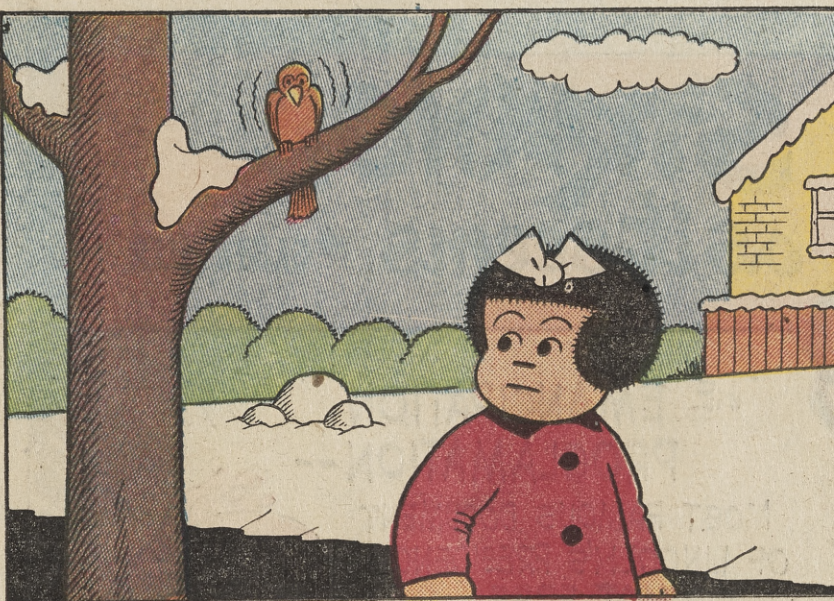
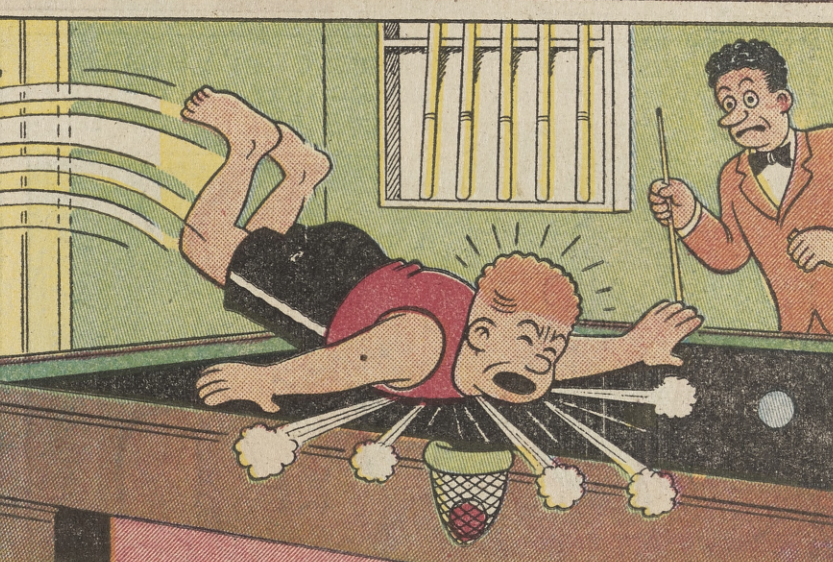
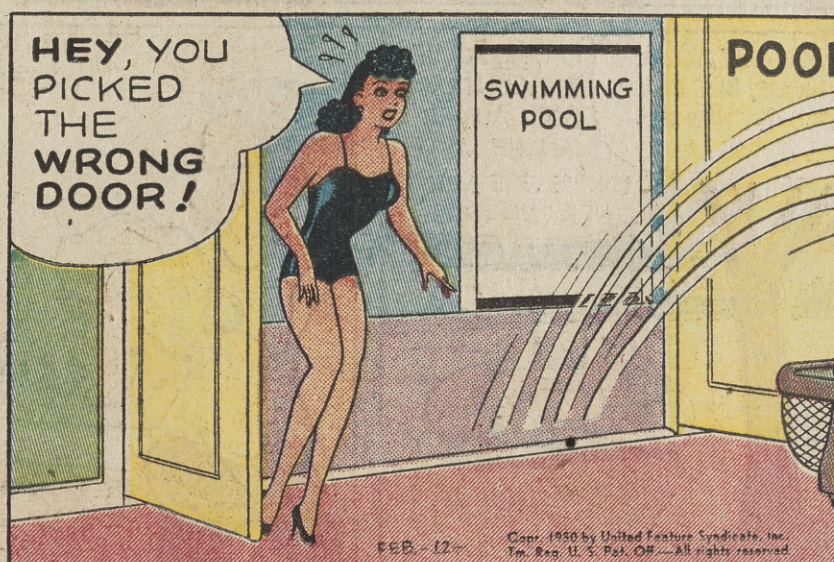
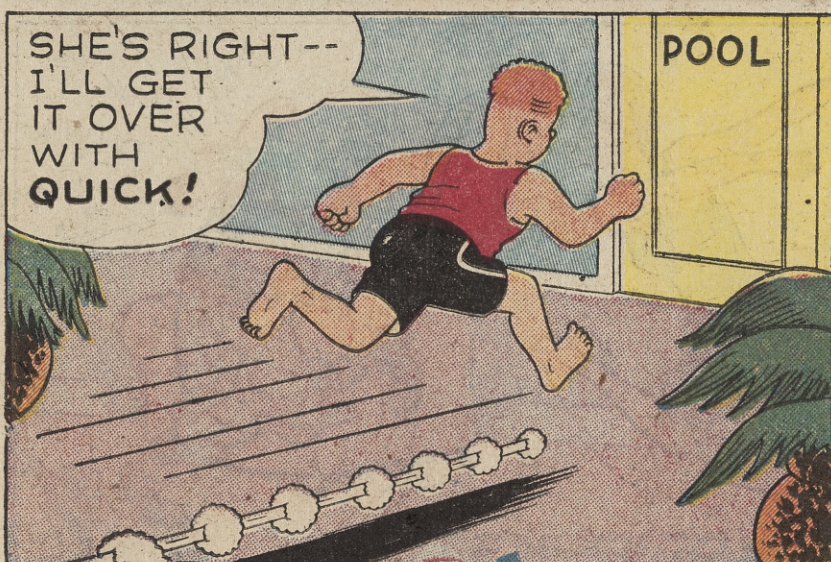
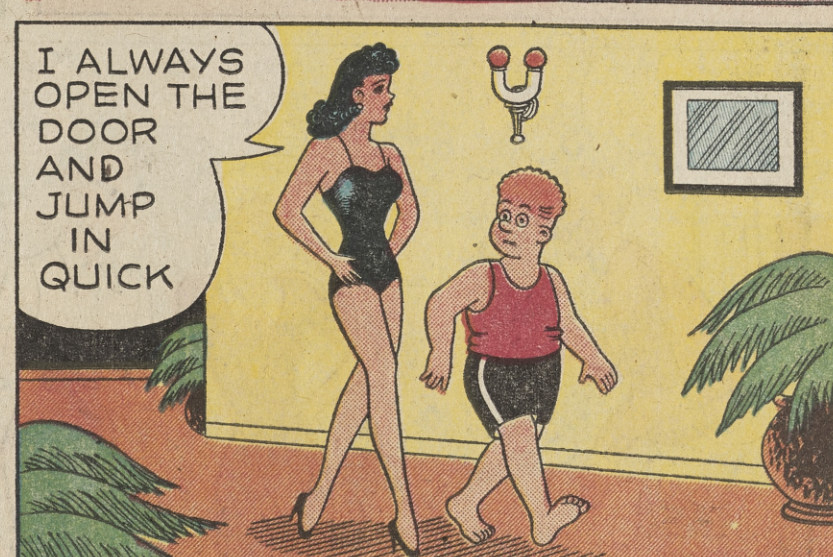
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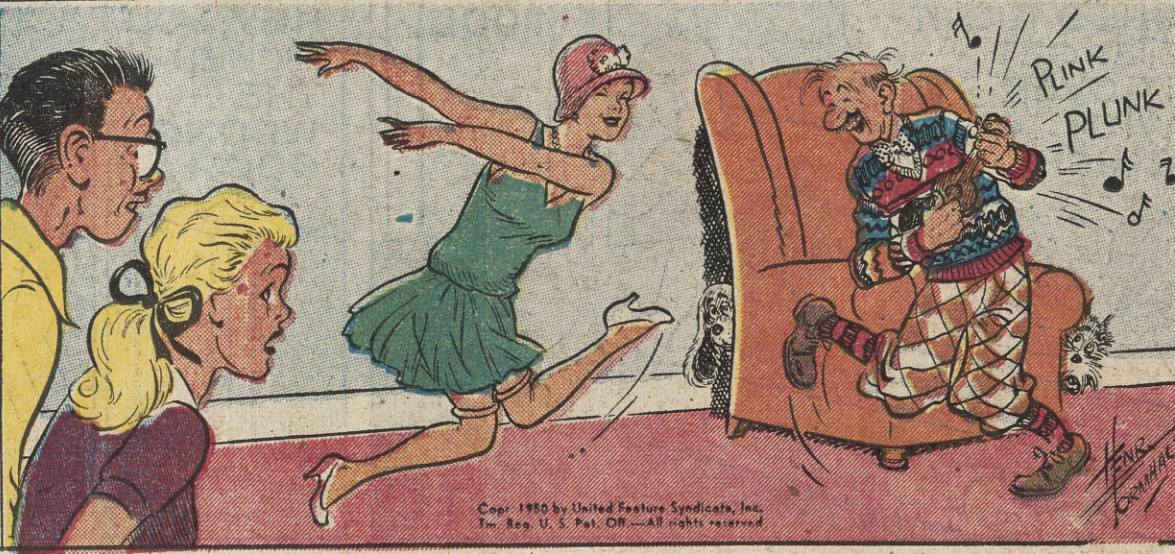
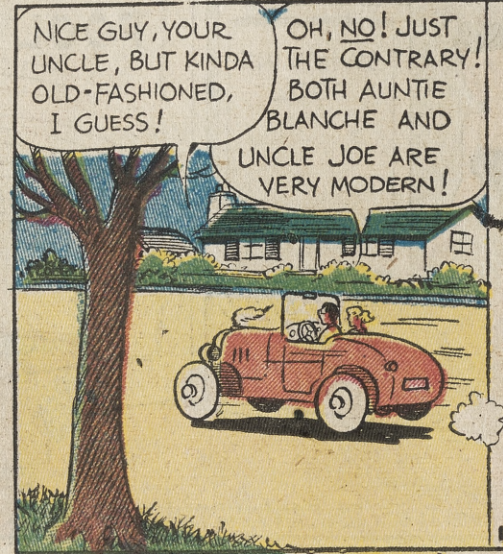
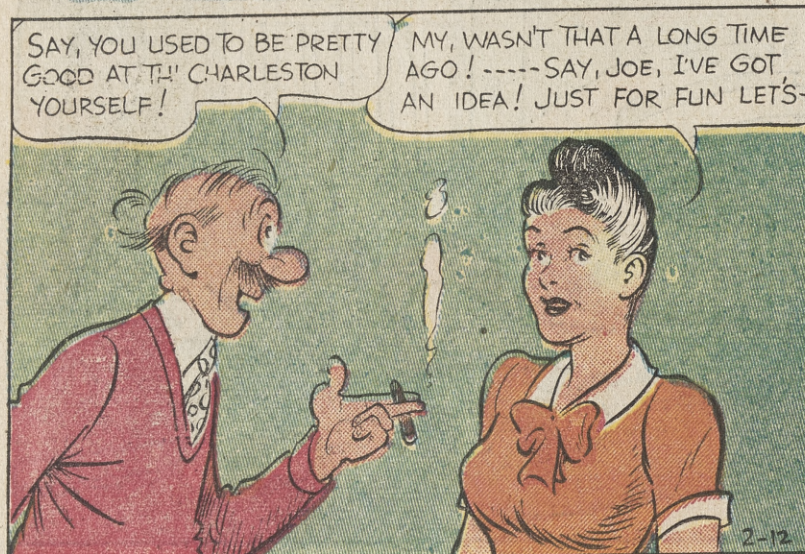
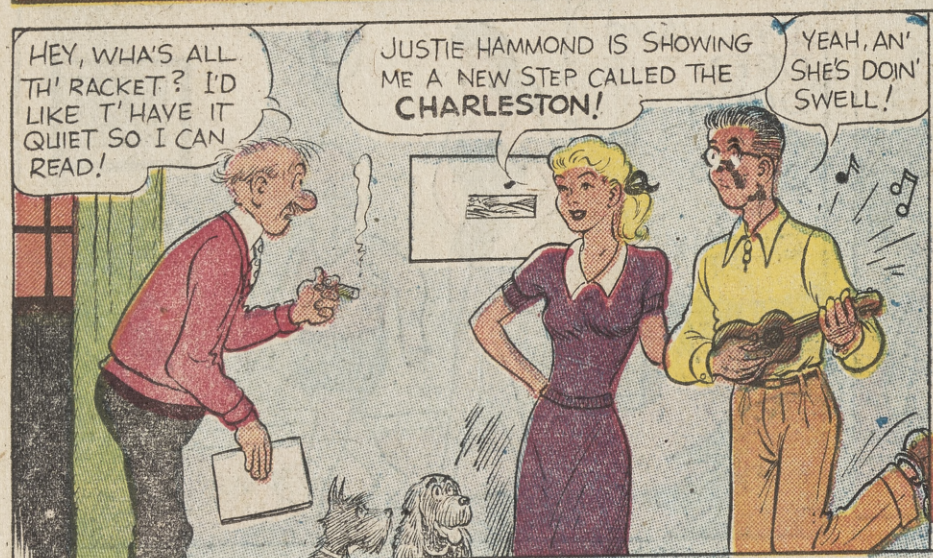
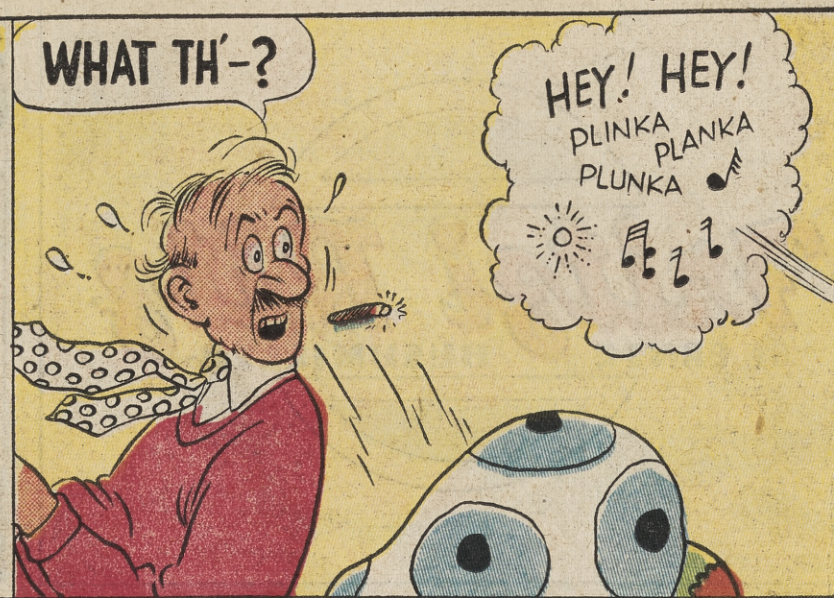
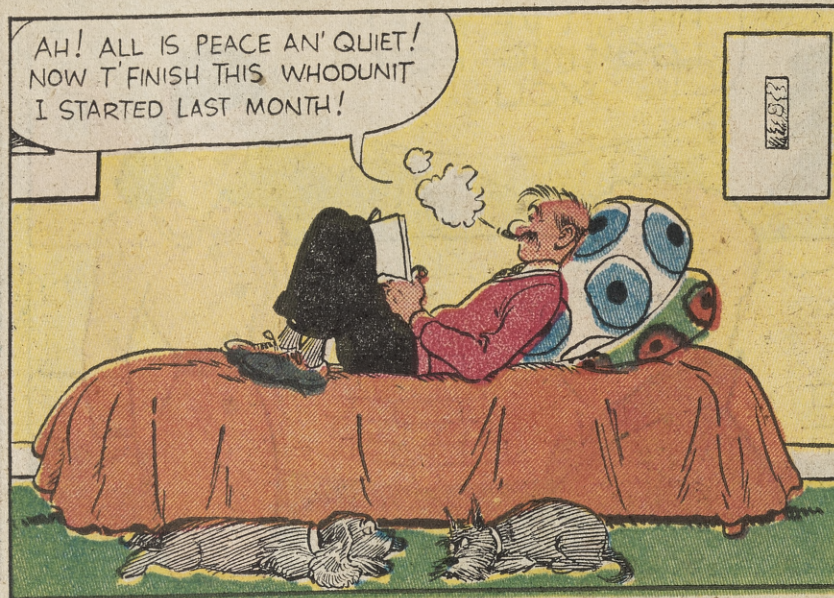






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THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION-- MOST FAMOUS DOCUMENT OF LINCOLN'S PRESIDENCY, DID NOT FREE A SINGLE SLAVE!

WHAT DOES NOBODY WANT, YET NOBODY WANTS TO LOSE? ANSWER: A BALD HEAD!

ALL THE OCEANS ARE 5 TIMES DEEPER THAN ALL THE CONTINENTS ARE HIGH! (Average depth of oceans, 11,480 ft., average height of continents, 2,300 ft.)

THE SATIN BOWER-BIRD SCATTERS FLOWERS AND VIVID-COLORED SHELLS IN FRONT OF ITS NEST, GIVING THE APPEARANCE OF A CAREFULLY PLANNED GARDEN!

A CALF BELONGING TO DUANE RADABAUGH HAS 2 FEET ON ONE HIND LEG AND 2½ FEET ON THE OTHER! -Huntington, Indiana-

THE QUETZAL, of Central America, RETAINS THE LOVELY COLORING OF ITS FEATHERS EVEN AFTER DEATH!

NINETEENTH-CENTURY BALLOONISTS TRIED TO PROPEL BALLOONS WITH HUGE CLOTH-COVERED OARS, AS YOU WOULD ROW A BOAT...

THE EYES OF THE OAR-SHRIMP ARE FARTHER AWAY FROM ITS HEAD THAN IS ITS TAIL!

## District Billing In

## Consumers By E

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## TRAVEL EBB 9,688

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The passe hicles during in Truckee ing 2,561, th

## Placer Co In Tr

Mr. and of Truckee a Renfree of Smisek of O couple were by Rev. P ceremony pe on Saturday newlyweds l where they v

## Son Arriv For

A 7½ po born to M Briley of T February 13 hospital. The named Rich He is the Mrs. B. W.

## Bechdolt 35 Y

Mr. and M Thomas La have been v with relativ accompanied and will jo Pasadena fo

At Pasade honored at a Lodge at wh 35-year mem

## Truckee, Skiers

Two local the several past week for leg fra of skiing a Lisle, one o Goodfellows a bone in ankle Mond previously, of Soda Sp lar accident

From Coun Hobart Sr and Howard ed at the Dave Rose